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Turner to depict Cuba's Zaire role

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Washington—With the international controversy over Soviet-Cuban involvement in Africa growing increasingly intense, Adm. Stansfield Turner, director of central intelligence, yesterday scheduled testimony on Capitol Hill for next week.

Admiral Turner will appear at closed-door sessions of both the Senate and House foreign affairs committees to outline the evidence on which President Carter bases his current hard-line statements.

Mr. Carter's assertions that the Cubans, supported by the Russians, trained and supplied the Katangans who invaded the Shaba province of Zaire two weeks ago, have been denied in Havana and have provoked angry Kremlin reaction, plunging detente to a recent low.

The State Department yesterday reaffirmed that the administration had "good and sufficient" evidence of the Cubans' active role, and a CIA spokesman said Admiral Turner would present the evidence he has already delivered to the President and other policy-makers when he appears before the congressional committees.

But at the same time, the administration's assertions of Cuban responsibility came under new attack from the third world at the United Nations in New York, and its general approach to African affairs was treated here to an unexpectedly patronizing assessment by Prime Minister James Callaghan of Britain.

Mr. Callaghan, in town for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit conference, was unusually blunt in pinpointing U.S. shortcomings in an area of the world where the post-colonial British consider they have much more experience.

He said he feared that "a lot of Christopher Columbuses are setting out from the United States to discover Africa for the first time."

British sources said Mr. Callaghan's outspokenness reflected his genuine anxiety over ancient tribal conflicts in Africa being conceived here as latter day East-West trials of strength.

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